Dear Jim, Re Philip Nobile interview with Bob Smith 6/1/75

There is an insane man who periodically sends me clippings, generally also from the garbage press, sometimes from the local papers he sees (Michigan). Yesterday's batch includes a 1973 big-puff interview with Bob. The paper is unidentified because of the way this guy clips. He marks clippings up insanely and heavily. In this case he did not use red so I did, if you ever want to read this one.

I've never had any interest in Bob per se and had no file on him. However, there is such stupidity and insanity in this one that it has to raise questions about Nobile (from whom I've never heard) and Smith. (I know of no decent writing Nobile has ever done. This was for ~~United~~ Universal Press Syndicate.)

Even after it almost caused me to lose the thumb I was not prepared for the incredible lack of fact and understanding Bob reflects. Or the opinions it is not as easy to dismiss as from his psychoses.

He comes accross as the absolute defender of all the executive agencies and as virtually without criticism of the Commission, too. Where he does criticize the Commission, an argument can be made that the criticism is unjust, even unfactual.

One thing in particular I would call to your attention. He again says that the CTIA handled my spectro suit. His comments never mention my name or that of anyone else. It is the CTIA's suit, explicitly:"The committee has a case pending in the Court of Appeals under the Freedom of Information Act to obtain access to the FBI's analyses of the bullets..."

This merely duplicates earlier and authenticated reports. Offhand I recall Bud and Sprague at Penn and both of them and Flammonde, I think making the same allegation, on the old Fred Gale Show on WHCA. (Policoff has the original tape, I a dub.)

I regard this as pretty serious misconduct on Bud's part. Particularly because of the specificity with which I told and wrote him I would under no circumstances have anything to do with anyone in or the CTIA when I knew no more than those he was asking to serve on his board.

It is not merely that I want you to know this. It is that I think if and when the time comes when there is a real problem with Bud, it may be a means of trying to get him to behave on the personal and professional level, perhaps of getting Bill in a position where he might be willing to try to use some influence toward these ends. Of course this also relates to the total falsity of Bud's recent letter a copy of which I gave you yesterday, as it does to my response when I was unaware of this interview.

I really believe this was unprofessional conduct on Bud's part.

It ought not surprise you that to Bob all others (not in CTIA, that is) are "kooks."

How it is that Nobile manages to do only terrible writing that serves to mis-direct and confuse strikes me as a legitimate question.

Best,